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Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT:

PROPOSITION A CONTRACT – OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH SERVICES BUREAU ARMED AND UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES CONTRACT (Board Agenda 7/17/07 Items 42 through 49)

Items 42 through 49 on your Board's Agenda for Tuesday, July 17, 2007, are requests from the Office of Public Safety (OPS) to approve eight Proposition A contracts for security guard services. The contracts cover eight service planning areas in the County. One of these contracts, with North American Security Inc. (North American), is for less than \$1 million (Item 49) and is not required to be reviewed by the Auditor-Controller. The other seven contracts with North American and Securitas Security Services USA Inc. (Securitas) are over \$1 million each and are subject to review.

We have reviewed and approved the Proposition A cost analysis prepared by the Office of Public Safety indicating the contracts are cost-effective. The hourly wages to be paid by the contractors meet the County's Living Wage Ordinance requirements. The contracts also include Cost of Living Adjustment provisions that are consistent with Board policy.

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Please call if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Mike Pirolo at (626) 293-1110.

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